

CLASSIFICATION **SECRET**COUNTRY East Germany REPORTTOPIC Troop Movements in the Ohrdruf AreaEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 30 March 1955REFERENCES PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 7 March 1955, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 10 x 57-mm AT guns, 16 trucks and approximately 170 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Kauschwitz. The column was assumed to have come from the Koenig-Georg Kaserne (8443) in Plauen and proceeded toward the firing ranges. At 0530 on 8 March, 4 trucks towing guns of approximately 122 mm were entrained at the Oberer Bahnhof in Plauen. The column presumably also came from the Koenig-Georg Kaserne. At about 1630 on 11 March, 10 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 trucks and 1 122-mm field howitzer were entrained at the Oberer Bahnhof in Plauen. The units allegedly came from the Koenig-Georg Kaserne. After the departure of the unit, it was determined that elements of the troops stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne (8442) and the Koenig-Georg Kaserne were absent.
2. Between 1500 and nightfall on 7 March, several truck columns went from Arnstadt toward Ilmenau. All vehicles were occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Eight SU-76 guns, AT guns and 10 trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets went in the same direction. On 8 March, exercises were held in the area south of Ilmenau. An SU-76 gun and 1 AT gun were seen on the Plauen - Ilmenau road. Additional SU-76 guns and AT guns were seen near Martinroda.

Comment. Observations in Plauen tend to indicate that elements of the 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 67th Gun Arty Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were absent after 7 March, possibly for exercises which started in the area south of Ilmenau on 8 March.

 at least elements of two motorized rifle regiments of the division were assembled in this area.

6 shipments went from Altengrabow to Arnstadt at about the same time. The trains are believed to have carried the artillery units of the above-mentioned division which moved to Altengrabow in 4 shipments in early March and, possibly, elements of the 306th Arty Brig, since this brigade

 went from Cera to Altengrabow on 6 trains, while only 1 train was observed to have returned. These artillery units were probably observed en route from Arnstadt toward Ilmenau, where they were presumably to participate in exercises of the division.